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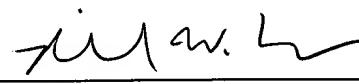
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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.